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going to cost the Legislature \$10,000 Actuarial expense, to even find out how much the cost of living bill for the school teachers, which now they come in and ask an addition to the cost of living bill, and they are very unhappy because this Legislature has not gone ahead and put that bill out on this floor after we've just gone into debt by twenty six million dollars, which will cost us forty four million dollars over the next twenty years. The school teachers of Nebraska are very unhappy with this Legislature because we don't give them an open end...

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cost of living bill. And I'm a little unhappy with the school teachers of Nebraska for expecting so much. And so, the reason why we didn't do it, because we didn't want to get in the same problem we had on this bill. Where we, for example, did not have a proper actuarial study here, and we can't blame the Attorney General on this bill. The maximum is \$3 per month, and it's still that way, and there is no reason why an actuary made an error. But he just simply made an error. And I want you to know that it was not the Actuary which is hired by the Legislature. And so, this is the case. But it appears that this Legislature wanted this bill last year, no matter what it cost. They wanted to give \$3 per month of service to the school teachers. And so it appears, that this is what they wanted no matter what it cost. We might just as well go ahead and vote for it. And pay the forty four million dollars over the next twenty years to the school teachers of Nebraska, even though they are not the state employees. They are local school district employees.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, then Stahmer, then Frank Lewis.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I wonder if Senator Whitney would yield to a question if I may have a comment after that. I want to make clear that, so that there is no misunderstanding, that I'm only asking on the information purpose. I did not happen to vote for the bill last session, however I will vote to fund it inasmuch as the Legislature made that decision. I noticed that in your report the emphasis seems to be that this appropriation is primarily for..because of law for teachers in the Omaha system. Could you tell me why, they..perhaps I should know but, why the bulk of it is necessary there, then you have indicated another twenty six million, I assume the additional money that you are talking about is the statewide condition, and this is some peculiar circumstance, just this one time around..or...

SENATOR WHITNEY: Senator Warner, the lump sum payment to the Omaha School teachers is \$1,076,000 is a one time around for the whole period. Now, with reference to other school teachers in the state, we are going to be paying them as we go over twenty period, and that will fully fund it. Fully fund LB445. But the \$1,076,000 which we pay in a lump sum to the Omaha school system will fully fund it for the Omaha school teachers. In other words, we are making the twenty year payment to the Omaha school teachers school system. We are going to be making that payment this year, and that's only a one lump sum thing. Now, the other \$175,000 was a error, actuarial error. And then the \$309,000 which is an additional funding for Omaha retirees, for who